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SUBJECT: IMF CONSULTATIONS

- 1. DISCUSSIONS WITH KOENIG IMF ON 1975 CONSULTATIONS INDICATED FOLLOWING AREAS OF CONCERN.
- 2. COORDINATION AND PLANNING: KOENIG ECHOED OUR SENTI-MENTS ON NEED FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION AMONG INTERNATIONAL LENDERS BUT WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH QUALITY OF PLANNING AND INVESTMENT RATIONALE OF BOLIVIAN INSTITUTIONS. SHE HAD IMPRESSION ORDERING OF DEVELOPMENT/INVESTMENT PRIORITIES CONTINUES HAPHAZARD AT BOTH GLOBAL AND SECTORAL (MINISTERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IAL) LEVELS. WE OUTLINED IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANNING AND

FINANCING CONTROL MECHANISMS AS PORTRAYED BY HECTOR ORMACHEA AND CITED PLANNING PROGRESS AT SECTORAL LEVELS.

- 3. DISSIPATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES: IMF HAD TWO CONCERNS (A) THAT LITTLE WAS BEING DONE TO IMPLEMENT TAX REFORMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND (B) THAT PETROLEUM RICH DEPARTMENTS WERE IN POSITION WASTE SCARCE RESOURCES WHILE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WAS REDUCED TO DEFICIT FINANCING.
- 4. SUMMARIZING, KOENIG NOTED THAT WHILE FUND'S ADVICE WAS WELCOMED BY GOB SHE RECOGNIZED FUND HAS NO LEVERAGE IN

PRESENT SITUATION IN WHICH GOB HAS AMPLE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL LENDERS WERE DISPOSED TO LEND WITHOUT MAJOR SELF-HELP EFFORT ON FISCAL FRONT.

5. CONSULTATION TEAM INCLUDES GEORGE KOEPITS, EX-A.I.D. AND TREASURY EMPLOYEE, ARMANDO RIVAS, SOTIRIS KOLLIAS, RICARDO ROSENBERG AND MRS. KOENIG. MRS. KOENIG ARRIVING O/A APRIL 12. KISSINGER

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